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Lansdowne Building fenced with iron mesh

700-metre barrier to ban public entry; MCC puts brakes on illegal activities

Mysuru, Aug. 30 (MTY&SSV)- No more illegal activities inside the dilapidated Lansdowne Building in the heart of the city as the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has banned public entry by fencing the building from the front and sides that were also being used as a garbage dumping and public urination spot.

The MCC has spent Rs. 7 lakh to erect the iron garden wire fencing mesh and has removed the metal sheets that earlier acted as a fence. The metal sheets had fallen at most places due to wind and heavy rain and people could easily enter the structure at any given point of time.

The fate of the dilapidated building is, however, yet to be decided as there is a raging debate on whether the building should be demolished and reconstructed or restored by using modern conservation techniques.

After a portion of the building collapsed due to heavy rains in August 2012 killing four persons, the MCC had erected the metal sheets to prevent people from entering the building. The vendors, who had occupied the building, were accommodated on the front side of the structure as a temporary arrangement.

Over the years, miscreants removed the metal sheets at places and entered the building to urinate and also to dump garbage. Naturally, the entire premises became a public toilet and a haven for nefarious activities during nights.

Also, the broken metal sheets were marring the beauty of the century-old-building built close to Mysore Palace. The building was constructed to commemorate the visit of the Viceroy and the Governor-General of British India, Lord Lansdowne during the reign of Chamaraja Wadiyar. The Lansdowne Building was constructed on November 19, 1892. He was the second Viceroy to visit Mysore after restoration of administrative powers to Chamaraja Wadiyar.

(See LANSDOWNE on page 7)

DPR to repair Dodda Gadiyara to be ready in 3-4 months

A file photo of officials inspecting the bell atop Clock Tower.

Mysuru, Aug. 30 (SSV)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is preparing a Detailed Project Report (DPR) to list out what needs to be done to conserve the historic Silver Jubilee Clock Tower, popularly known as Dodda Gadiyara among the citizens, in the wake of structural damages due to vagaries of weather and lack of maintenance.

This imposing structure was built in 1927 near Rangacharlu Town Hall in city. "We are consulting subject experts to know from them the suitable measures to restore this Clock Tower and bring it back to original form where the chiming of bells reverberated across the city," MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde told *Star of Mysore*.

"It is a heritage structure and it needs a thorough study as any wrong step may cause irreparable damage to it. The Corporation wants to complete the DPR preparation work within the next three to four months and then undertake repairs accordingly," he added.

Cracks have developed at the top portion where the bell is situated. There is a 5.5 feet bell on top of the tower and it has stopped ringing since the last 30 years. The weight of the French-made bell is around 920 kg. Arch of the structure has cracks owing to rusting of the iron used in the construction process.

(See GADIYARA on page 9)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for Abracadabra titled ***"Nostalgically Speaking — 6: H.S. Shankaralingegowda, former MLA."*** **—Ed**

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Total deaths	:	427
Total active cases	:	4,253

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 30th August 2020

Diploma in Interior Design for PUC-failed students

Mysuru, Aug. 30- Mysore Interiors & Designs Academy - Institute of Interior Design will be starting one-year Diploma in Interior Design affiliated to Jain University for PUC-failed students from Sept.7. Classes will be conducted from 11 am to 1 pm and 2 pm to 4 pm with limited seats. The course is handled by professionals. The course syllabus and curriculum is designed to equip in such a way that every student is encouraged and trained to learn from the basics of Interior Design.

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For applications and admissions, contact Mysore Interiors & Designs Academy at Sree Cauvery Educational Institution campus, Adichunchanagiri Road, K-Block, Kuvempunagar, between 10 am and 4 pm.

Last date to submit application is Sept. 3.

For details, contact Mob: 90353-36060 or 94488-50502, according to a press release from the Course Director.

Post-Diploma in Tool Design

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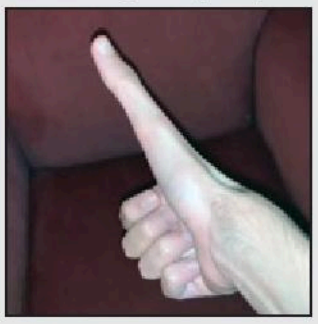
EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The Right To Education (RTE) was meant to reform society by enabling equal opportunity for everyone. Without social change, it seems to have only enforced the stereotypes and divisions in society rather than enable diversity to be acknowledged and celebrated. There is now a statutory right to education, but what good could it possibly do in institutions which do not implement this in spirit? The environment at home, exposure to the internet, television and consumerism makes the class difference obvious. How would children from different backgrounds and homes integrate in private schools if educators do not address this? RTE could turn out to be a curse more than a blessing on the underprivileged, who face hostility early in life. Many kids from underprivileged homes will hate school and this could do more damage than good. We see the signs — the number of underprivileged children in elite schools has been dwindling.

— Meera Neelakantan in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man with 'abnormally' long thumb is freaking out people



Massachusetts: Jacob Pina has taken TikTok by storm with his insanely long thumb. The 21-year-old from Massachusetts simply dislocates it to extend its length to five and a half inches which doctors have confirmed is real. 21-year-old Jacob Pina's thumb measures two inches in length, but it can extend to a whopping five and a half inches. Jacob first discovered that his thumb was unique when he was a teenager.

Jacob confirmed that his expendable thumb is real. He explained, "I just dislocate my thumb, by forcing it out of its socket, to make it appear longer." Jacob admits that he never expected for his thumb to receive so much recognition, winning him over one million followers.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

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VOICE OF THE READER

Old Railway Bridge over Kapila River needs attention

Sir,

Thinking of heritage structures, an old Railway Bridge (probably the oldest in the country) over Kapila river near Nanjangud comes to my mind, which pre-dates even the Wellesley bridge of Srirangapatna.

This pride of the town was supposedly constructed by the then Dalvoy Devaraja using lime and mortar. Probably in 1962 when flood waters fully swallowed the bridge and even touched the entrance of Srikanteshwara temple, this engineering marvel withstood the nature's fury, speaking volumes about the structural skill prevalent centuries before — a standing testimony to the workmanship of the days of yore. So strong and sturdy it was that recurring floods during monsoons could do nothing to it. It was serving both road and rail traffic until 2007, when broad guage trains were introduced with a separate bridge built exclusively for rail movement.

Almost simultaneously two more road bridges were also constructed post-conversion of the stretch to NH for easing the in and out movements. From then on, this bridge is fully blocked; one can see bushes grown here and there, giving an ugly look.

I learn that Railways had a plan to erect a heritage gallery here using two metre gauge bogies and a children's amusement park in the adjoining land, to retain its glory, but for reasons unknown, the plan seems stalled. I appeal to South Western Railway (SWR) for a re-look.

—N. Devarajan

Nanjangud 29.8.2020

Corrections and Clarifications

In the news item titled **"Maletira S. Muthappa is ADC to Army Chief"** published in *SOM* dated Aug. 28 on page 7, the rank of the Officer may please be read as **"Captain Maletira S. Muthappa."**

Capt. Muthappa

Also in the second para of the news it was inadvertently mentioned that **"....in 2001 War Hero Major Mangerira Muthanna had occupied the post."** It may please be read as **"... in 2001, Maj. Muckatira C. Muthanna had occupied the post."**

Maj. Muckatira C. Muthanna from 9 PARA (Special Force) served as ADC from 2001 to 2003 and had served two Army Chiefs — Gen. N.C. Vij (for a short time) and Gen. Padmanabhan (full term). Muthanna is the son of Brigadier (Retd.) M.M. Ashok Cariappa who was also from 9 PARA (SF) and later went on to command First Bihar Regiment. **—Ed**

YHAI invites entries for folk dance contest

Mysuru, Aug. 30- Youth Hostels Association of India (YHAI), Karnataka State Branch, Bengaluru, in association with Tumakuru Units, has organised a folk dance competition. Guru Pulikeshi Kasturi, Director, Shanthala Arts Academy, T.H. Hanumanthe Gowda, film actor and H.B. Mahesh, folklore specialist, will be the judges for the contest.

Dance videos can be sent through *WhatsApp* or *Telegram* to H. Ravikumar, Chairman, Mysuru Unit of YHAI and National Council Member on Mob: 99001-52042 or N.S. Prasanna, State Organising Secretary of YHAI, on Mob: 98868-08296 or e-mail to *yhaikarnataka@yahoo.co.in* before Aug. 31.

Participants must be members of YHAI (Copy of the YHAI Membership Card or the Receipt must be attached). They must be above 15 years of age. The folk dance should depict the theme 'Regional Folk Dance.' A folk dance caption must be given to the region it represents. A team can have four to 10 participants. The duration of the dance should be a minimum of 5 minutes and maximum of 8 minutes. Song lyrics must be in a language from the same region the dance represents. No movie songs are entertained. Video must be in the format of MP4, AVI or MKV file and maximum size should be 200 MB. Prizes will be given to first three best performances apart from three consolation prizes. All contestants will be given e-certificates.

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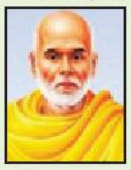

Marking Brahmasri Narayana Guru Jayanti, the District Administration, in association with the Department of Kannada and Culture, has organised a function at Maneyangala in Kalamandira premises on Sept. 2 at 11 am and will be celebrated in a simple and symbolic manner by showering flowers to the portrait of Brahmasri Narayana Guru, according to a press release.

II PUC revaluation results announced

The Department of Pre-University Education on Friday announced the revaluation results of the II PUC annual examination held in March 2020. Candidates who had applied for revaluation can check the results on its official website, www.pue.kar.nic.in, according to a press release.

Admission to BVA Course

Chamarajendra Academy of Visual Arts (CAVA) has invited applications from eligible students for admission to four-year (Eight Semester) Bachelor of Visual Arts (BVA) course. The course covers Painting, Sculpture, Graphic Arts, Applied Arts, Photography, Photo Journalism and Art History. Interested students may apply online (www.mysore.nic.in), before Sept.15. Guest Lecturers: CAVA has also invited applications from eligible candidates for appointment as Guest Lecturers on a temporary basis for a period of one year in the subjects of Painting, Mould Art, Sculpture, Photography and Journalism, Art History, Kannada, Hindi and English. Last date to apply is Sept. 5. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2438931.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Yesterday	123.87 ft
Inflow	1,600 cusecs
Outflow	5,403 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,283.12 ft
Inflow	1,166 cusecs
Outflow	2,625 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,857.43 ft
Inflow	1,025 cusecs
Outflow	1,775 cusecs

Teak wood logs worth Rs. 8 lakh seized from Bannur saw mill

One arrested; Wood illegally transported from Chikkamagalur-Hassan region

Mysuru, Aug. 30 (MTY&KS)- The Forest Mobile Squad (Police) and T. Narasipur Range Forest officials, in a joint operation, have arrested one person on charges of transporting teak wood logs illegally from Chikkamagalur and Hassan side to a saw mill and have seized the teak wood logs worth about Rs. 7-8 lakh from the saw mill at Kodagalli village in Bannur hobli.

The arrested is Abdul Khadir, a resident of Mandi Mohalla in city.

During interrogation, the accused is said to have confessed of purchasing the teak wood logs from one Santosh of Chikkamagalur and Hassan side and had transported the logs to the saw mill to be cut to smaller pieces which were to be sold later.

The accused was produced before a Court at Nanjangud, which remanded him (accused) to judicial custody.

The Police have contacted their counterparts in Chikkamagalur and Hassan, who have launched a hunt to nab Santosh, from whom the accused had purchased the teak wood logs.

According to a Forest official, any farmer who has grown teak wood trees in their farm land and wants to sell it, should bring the same to the notice of the Forest Department, obtain permission and only then he can sell it.

Range Forest Officer (RFO) Shashidhar, Deputy Range Forest Officers (DRFOs) M.S. Umesha and Manjunath and staff Chandrappa, Chethan, Lokesh, Manjunath, Police Constables Krishnegowda and Raghu took part in the raid, nabbing and seizing operation.

Early morning robbery at Vivekanandanagar

Two break into house of elderly couple, loot cash, jewellery

Mysuru, Aug. 30 (RK&KS)- Two miscreants broke into a house and allegedly robbed an elderly couple of cash and jewellery after tying them up in their home in the early hours of yesterday.

The burglary took place at the house of 91-year-old retired Executive Engineer Veerabhadraiah and 85-year-old Rangamma at Vivekanandanagar.

The miscreants have made away with 100 grams gold ornaments and Rs. 15,000 cash from the house.

Yesterday at about 6.30 am, Rangamma heard someone knocking on the door of the house and when she opened the door, two men barged into the house after pushing Rangamma aside. They then tied up Rangamma and Veerabhadraiah with a rope to the iron railing in the house and removed the gold chain, gold bangles and finger ring which Rangamma was wearing.

The miscreants later entered the room of the house, ransacked the almirah, took Rs. 15,000 cash and also ransacked the entire house for valuables. After searching for valuables for about 20 minutes, the miscreants fled from the house leaving the elderly couple tied to the iron railings.

The robbery incident came to light when the milkman came to deliver the milk.

Kuvempunagar Inspector Ranju and staff, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar and shifted the elderly couple who had fallen sick to a hospital and got them treated.

Dog Squad and Finger Print experts were summoned and pressed into service.

K.R. Sub-Division ACP Poornachandra Tejaswi also visited the spot and conducted preliminary enquiry. Kuvempunagar Police, who have registered a case, are collecting CCTV footages and have launched a hunt to nab the miscreants.

Police said that Veerabhadraian was serving as an Executive Engineer at Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh and had settled in Mysuru after he retired from his service. As their children are settled abroad, the elderly couple were residing in a corner house at Vivekanandanagar.

Painting work begins in Mysore Palace for Dasara

Mysuru, Aug. 30 (RK&SSV)- With 45 days left for the beginning of ten-day Dasara festival in Mysuru, painting of the outside building of Amba Vilas Palace has commenced.

The State Government has decided to hold the *Nada Habba* in a simple manner in view of COVID-19. However, the Palace Board has allowed the painting work near the West Gate of the Palace and the arches of Jayamarthanda Gate.

Elephants that would participate in this year's Dasara festivities are welcomed from this gate to make a formal entry inside the Palace premises.

T.S. Subramanya, Deputy Director, Mysore Palace Board, said that painting of ceiling of the building was being done with the help of metal scaffolding.

Every year, they would take up works such as replacement of burnt out bulbs, painting and upkeep of gardens before commencement of Dasara. As many as 5,000 pots are added to the existing garden to make the whole area look colourful.

The total cost of maintenance work was around Rs. 13 lakh which was allotted to a contractor through e-tender after obtaining permission from the Chief Secretary and Deputy Commissioner.

Farmers oppose Dasara-2020

Nagendra

Mysuru, Aug.30- Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Hasiru Sene have urged the State Government not to hold Dasara this year in view of COVID-19 and spend the money planned for *Nada Habba* on Corona prevention.

Addressing a press conference here on Friday, Badagalapura Nagendra said people have lost jobs due to Corona and farmers have lost the crops owing to floods. There was spike in Corona positive cases and hundreds of people were dying daily. Under this circumstance, it was not right on the part of the state government to hold ten-day Dasara festival. High Committee on Dasara headed by Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa should take a decision against holding it this year.

He advised the CM to spend the money earmarked for the Dasara festival on treating Corona positive patients, improving facilities at COVID-19 care centres and helping Corona Warriors.

No schools, colleges till Sept. 30

New Delhi, Aug.30- In Unlock 4.0, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has issued new guidelines for opening of more activities in areas outside the containment zones, which will come into effect from Sept 1. As per new guidelines, the power of declaring lockdown by States / Union Territories has been withdrawn.

Salient features of Unlock 4.0

• Schools, colleges, educational and coaching institutions will continue to remain closed for students and regular class activity up to Sept. 30.

• Online distance learning will be permitted only in areas outside the containment zones only from Sept. 21.

• Only 50 percent of teaching and non-teaching staff could be called to the schools at a time for online teaching / tele-counselling and related work.

• Students of classes 9 to 12 can visit schools on a 'voluntary basis' to clear their doubts after Sept. 21 only against voluntary undertaking by parents.

• Restriction on opening of cinema halls, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres (excluding open air theatres) and similar places with a high risk of spread of the virus.

• International air travel of passengers, except as permitted by the MHA and train services will remain restricted.

• Currently applicable rules for weddings and funerals will continue — a limit of 50 and 20 people in attendance, respectively — till Sept. 20. After that, their limit too will be raised to 100.

• Social / academic / sports / entertainment / cultural / religious / political functions and other congregations will be permitted from Sept. 21 but with a ceiling of 100 persons.

• Open Air Theatres permitted to open from Sept. 21.

Claims of private hospitals for COVID treatment settled

K.Sudhakar

Mysuru, Aug.30 (SSV)- The State Health Department has settled the bills of 9,136 patients and released Rs. 22.14 crore to private hospitals for providing treatment to COVID-19 patients.

Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar said that as on Aug.28, various private hospitals has treated 42,291 patients referred by the Government and hospitals have billed Rs. 169.55 crore out of which, the Department has settled 9,136 claims and has released Rs. 22.14 crore to various private hospitals.

Safai Karmacharis to get Rs. 30 lakh in case of death while on COVID-19 duty

Govind Karjol

Bengaluru, Aug. 30- Coming to the aid of Pourakarmikas who are part of the battle against the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, Deputy Chief Minister Govind Karjol said that all Safai Karmacharis (Pourakarmikas), who die while engaged in COVID-19 duty, will get a compensation of Rs. 30 lakh each and one of the family members of the deceased will get a Government job on compassionate grounds.

Speaking at the Manual Scavenging Monitoring Committee meeting, at Vikasa Soudha on Thursday, he said that all infected civic workers must be paid wages during quarantine period.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	194
Total positive cases	:	5,113
Total discharges	:	3,557
Total deaths	:	56
Total active cases	:	1,500

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	45
Total positive cases	:	2,261
Total discharges	:	1,729
Total deaths	:	33
Total active cases	:	488

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	46
Total positive cases	:	1,349
Total discharges	:	1,108
Total deaths	:	19
Total active cases	:	222

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	325
Total positive cases	:	7,567
Total discharges	:	4,985
Total deaths	:	174
Total active cases	:	2,408

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Nostalgically Speaking – 7

H.S. Shankaralingegowda, former MLA

Among my close friends during early years of *Star of Mysore* and *Mysooru Mithra* till about 1994 was H.S. Shankaralingegowda. I came to know him when he barged into my office, an angry youngman in a white bushcoat tucked into his well pressed beige-coloured pants well held in place with a black belt and wearing black shoes. Well dressed. Lean, tall and swarthy. His speech was quick-silver in Kannada and smattering of English. He was angry and restless.

He had a complaint against one Tahsildar responsible for issuing rationed cement to people who had lined up in his office at Divisional Commissioner's Office on Hunsur road with documents for their quota of cement. He accused the Tahsildar of corruption and discrimination and had quarrelled with him. It was then he came to *Star of Mysore* to publish a report against that officer.

It was an interesting news for a burgeoning newspaper and I took it. Most of the allegations he made were exaggerated, but I took the matter relating to the difficulties faced by the people and the confrontation he had with the Tahsildar as a result. I asked him if he had a photograph of his which he readily produced. The news was published and lo and behold, a political leader was born! And I acquired a new, dependable friend!!

At that time, he had quit his job as Manager of Janata Bazar and was running a Poultry Farm on Bogadi road, about 10 kms from his house near our Printing Press in what was then Thonachikoppal. He used to take me to his Farm twice or thrice in a week, have boiled eggs, sometimes chicken fresh from his own farm washing it down with few pegs of Rum. While leaving, he would load my motorcycle or car with trays of eggs and vegetables he was growing in the Farm. This was a routine for us, I guess, from 1979 to 1983, till he was elected Corporator from Janata Dal. During this period, our bonding as friends was such even Fevicol would need improvement over the quality of bonding!

Shankaralingegowda became the Mayor and also got the MLA ticket in the changed political situation as a BJP candidate and won in 1994. After this, our friendship began to wane and he began to call me his Guru in functions where I was present or whenever occasions arose. Thereafter, he was on a victory run winning from the same Chamaraja Constituency in 1999, 2004 and 2008.

Karnataka politics was dominated by two political parties, Congress and Janata Dal (JD). Kempegowda was the President of JD and other top local leaders were Azeez Sait and Gurupadaswamy. The Saraswathipuram ticket for the Corporation election from JD was already decided. He was one whom I knew very well as my Club Member and Shankaralingegowda became an aspirant for this ticket. I spoke to the leaders, but they said the ticket was already given. But Shankaralingegowda was not the one to accept defeat easily. He had already burnt his boat with the City President of JD Kempegowda by describing him in a derogatory manner at an earlier occasion and which was tape-recorded by his rival for the ticket and played before the President. It fell to my lot to spend hours with Kempegowda to pardon my friend and support him by giving him the final 'B-Form' as the official candidate.

One day, early morning at 7 O' clock, Shankaralingegowda came in his scooter to my house and insisted I must go with him to meet the JD leaders in city immediately as the final list would be announced by 4 pm. I was reluctant but yielded to his pressure; both got into my car and drove first to Kempegowda's house in Saraswathipuram. We convinced him but more importantly he suggested that we meet three JD leaders — Azeez Sait, who was in the Government House, Gurupadaswamy in Agrahara and T.V. Krishna Rao in Vidyaranyapuram. We did meet them all and finally were able to succeed in wangling the ticket that changed the destiny of my friend Shankaralingegowda forever. He won the election and never looked back.

At that time I was living on Kamakshi Hospital Road in a rented house. Twice I had faced serious threat of attack by powerful persons and was saved, nay, rescued, by Shankaralingegowda's timely and very effective, nay miraculous, intervention. I will never forget this help all my life. He was a very courageous man, belligerent with a power of abuse nobody can match.

If I built a house in 1983 in Kuvempunagar, it was because of his moral support, persuasion and encouragement in many ways. He already had his own house and wanted his friend to have his own house. Financially he was not strong, but in his zeal, zest, confidence and courage I had not seen any one among my friends like him.

Just before the next Corporation election, I think, in 1989, there arose a vacancy for the Mayor's office due to some reason. The period that remained was about six months. His party offered him the opportunity but he refused. I asked him why? His audacious reply was 'who wants a few days Mayorship? I will try for a full term after the election.' I knew he was trying for an MLA seat from Chamaraja Constituency and had already put me on the job! I told him that politics is a game of possibilities and hence he should accept this truncated term of Mayorship.

"What good work I can do within those six months? It will go against me in the next election due shortly."

I teased him, "Gowdare, you are looking at the Corporation election. But I am looking at getting a ticket for you to contest the MLA election."

He perked up. How?, he asked. Since by then I had some knowledge about how the candidates are selected and had even met Ramakrishna Hegde in his house with ticket-seekers delegation, I told him the reason. "Among other qualifications two important qualifications the High Command expected was your financial strength and the offices held in the Party. There are any number of Corporators. But Mayors are one or two who will be your competitors." Gowda stopped me and said, "Who would bother about few months Mayorship?"

I told him, 'Don't worry; you were a Mayor. They do not care to read the details in your bio-data. They see the word Mayor and that is it. You are on par with your rivals for the ticket.'

Alleluia! Shankaralingegowda became the Mayor and also got the MLA ticket in the changed political situation as a BJP candidate and won in 1994. After this, our friendship began to wane and he began to call me his Guru in functions where I was present or whenever occasions arose. Thereafter, he was on a victory run winning from the same Constituency in 1999, 2004 and 2008. He was upset with B.S. Yeddiyurappa, BJP Chief Minister for not making such a senior party MLA, a Minister and quit the party, contested in 2013 as a JD(S) candidate and lost to Mayor Vasu of Congress. His political life thus got eclipsed and he passed away in April 2014, aged 67. I lost not only an old BEST friend but also a lovable Shishya, as he himself claimed me to be his Guru.

NOTE: *Nostalgically Speaking - 6 on L. Revannasiddaiah, IPS (Rtd.), was published on Aug. 23. Watch out for Nostalgically Speaking - 8 on Prof. G.T. Narayana Rao next week.*—**Ed**

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Mega e-adalat on Sept. 19

Mysuru, Aug. 30- Amidst COVID-19, a mega e-adalat will be held across the State on Sept. 19, according to Justice Arvind Kumar, Executive Chairman, Karnataka State Legal Services Authority.

Arvind Kumar

Talking to reporters through video conference on Friday, he said that Karnataka is the first State to do it at a time when the country was gripped by Coronavirus.

The purpose of holding e-adalat was to ensure justice to all irrespective of caste, colour or community. In some accident cases, compensation had not reached dependents even after several years. Such cases would be taken up on priority to deliver justice to such families.

He said citizens need not come to Court to file cases and it could be filed online through advocates. Ultimately, the benefit of e-adalat should reach people in rural areas, he added.

Obituary

Prema

Mysuru, Aug. 30- Prema (60), wife of retired K.R. Hospital Orthopedician Dr. B.N. Cheluvegowda and a resident of Vijayashreepura, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her husband, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage yesterday evening.

T.R. Venugopal

T.R. Venugopal (57), a resident of Brindavan Extension, passed away yesterday in city. He had served as an Accounts Officer at the University of Mysore.

He leaves behind his wife Lakshmi, son Varun and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage.

Shivanna

Shivanna (75), a resident of Vidyaranyapuram, passed away on Thursday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Lakshmamma, a daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed on Friday, according to family sources.

A society that does not celebrate its artists, writers is soulless

Critically-acclaimed actress Nandita Das speaks at Mysuru Literature Festival-2020

Mysuru, Aug. 30 (BCT)- Critically-acclaimed actress well known for her performances in over 40 films in 25 languages like 'Fire', 'Earth' and 'Bawander,' Nandita Das, is well-known for playing unconventional roles, and for speaking up on issues she strongly feels about.

Speaking in a virtual session on 'Feisty and Fearless,' held as part of Mysuru Literature Festival 2020, hosted by Mysuru Literary Forum and Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs - 2015, on the fifth day last evening, Nandita Das opined that artists have the responsibility to keep the conversation alive on issues in the society.

"Art – sensitive, powerful art can trigger conversations, challenge prejudices, tell inconvenient truths and spark new ideas," she said. The session was moderated by Director Kavitha Lankesh. Incidentally, Nandita was the lead in Kavitha's first film 'Deveri'. Chairperson of Mysuru Literary Forum and Charitable Trust Shubha Sanjay Urs was present.

Art and activism

"A society that does not celebrate its artists, writers is soulless. Art and activism are needed and for me they come together. My art is my activism. My activism is expressed through my films, my writings, my talks and my other choices. I make no distinction between work and life. We create too many straight-jacketed compartments. Conversations must be kept alive for a society to thrive and the role of artists and creative beings is vital here," she said.

"Yes, over time people's response to issues has changed, but all problems in the world can be solved through conversation. Such conversations should neither enrage sections nor polarise them. The focus and tone must be inclusive," Nandita Das opined.

Filmmaking most fulfilling

Nandita Das entered Bollywood in 1996 with Deepa Mehta's film 'Fire' with Shabana Azmi, as a co-actor. Along with path-breaking films like 'Earth', 'Fire' and 'Bawander', she had a brief stint in mainstream films in 'Aks' with Amitabh Bachchan. Apart from acting, Nandita has done direction and writes her own scripts.

"Acting gave me a rich experience of doing challenging roles with filmmakers like Adoor Gopalakrishnan, Mrinal Sen, Rituparno Ghosh among others. I find filmmaking most fulfilling. When I acted in 'Fire', it became controversial, but it also started a conversation about LGBTQ rights. And it was before Article 377 was finally abolished. I wonder if such a film could be made in the present polarised time," she wondered.

Not to settle scores

She was emphatic that she does not make preachy films to settle scores. Obviously she was referring to 'Firaq', her first film that explored the aftermath of the 2002 riots in Gujarat. In the age of 24-hour TV, these riots were more disturbing in their impact. She finally went with a group to Gujarat and spoke to people whose lives were ravaged. Senior journalist Kuldip Nayar persuaded that she come with them.

"Firaq was not meant to polarise but describe the human stories that were affected by violence. I want to engage and not polarise," she said. Explaining that she lets stories come to her than seize on an issue, Das narrated the long process of research that went into 'Manto'.

Compelling stories

"You need the compulsion to tell a story. Stories never came to 'Manto' and he did not go in search of stories. It was challenging to create the Bombay and Lahore of the 40s and more important was to weave in his most celebrated stories into the narrative," she added.

"You need to go into these stories and come out into his life. We should not underestimate the audience," she cautioned. The critical success of 'Manto' proves that a non-mainstream film can reach hearts and minds. Pakistan censor authorities found that film was critical of partition and so could not be shown there," she revealed.

On filmmaking, the acclaimed actress said, "Filmmaking often becomes all science and not art. Ideally, it is a partnership between the producer and director -- more so now when a filmmaker needs to confront any form of discrimination on the basis of a given identity.

Today's session

The session on 'Wafts of Melody', this evening at 7 will be attended by musician Ustad Amjad Ali Khan and moderated by Roopa Pai. Register at: *http://www.mysuruliteraturefestival.com/registration/*

Watch on YouTube at: *https://m.youtube.com/channel/UC5H93tCm_27YSlSmCKTzY-BQ?feature=applinks*

Lansdowne Building fenced with iron mesh

A file photo of fallen zinc sheet barricades

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Construction of the Lansdowne Bazaars, as it was called then, was among the series of celebrations held to receive the Viceroy. It is in mixed Indo-European style which was described later by Lord Curzon as "A picturesque two-storeyed range of bazaars."

After the displaced building tenants complained about the mess created inside the historic structure, the MCC has now erected the fence in front side as well as the sides to check people from going inside the weak structure which may collapse anytime.

The fencing work was carried out by Manjunath, Development Officer, Zone-6 based on the instruction of MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde. The height of the mesh is five feet and the total length is 700 meters.

True Spirits liquor store inaugurated on K.D. Road

True Spirits Gold, a premium liquor store was inaugurated by MLA C.S. Puttaraju on K.D. Road at Jayalakshmipuram in city on Saturday as former MLA Vasu, Liquor Traders Association President A.S. Guruswamy, First Grade Contractor Govindegowda, industrialists M.K. Potharaju and P. Nagendra and True Spirits Gold proprietor R. Lakshman look on. This is the seventh liquor store of True Spirits Group.

Entries invited for Senior Citizens Award

Mysuru, Aug.30- As part of World Senior Citizens Day to be celebrated on Oct.1, the Department for Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens has invited entries from senior citizens and Institutions who have excelled in fields such as Education, Literature, Arts, Legal, Sports, Social Service etc., for conferment of State Award. There are six individual awards and one Institutional award.

The prescribed entry forms are available at the Department office and the same must be filled and submitted by Sept.7.

For details, call: 0821-2490333.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Pooja.P**, D/o Prabhakaran.C, residing at # 374, 5th Main, 4th Cross, Hootagalli, Mysore-570 018, have changed my name to **Riya Prabhakaran** for all future purposes sworn in before the 4th Addl., 1st Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Mysuru, dated 19.02.2020.

Sd/-Riya Prabhakaran

Congress launches 'Arogya Hasta' training for health volunteers

Mysuru, Aug. 30 (RKB,MTY &DM)- Former MP R. Dhruvanarayan on Friday launched the Congress party's ambitious 'Arogya Hastha' initiative training programme for volunteers from Varuna Assembly segment at Congress Bhavan near the City Railway Station here.

Speaking on the occasion, Dhruvanarayan said that Congress has been responding to the plight of the people during the COVID-19 crisis through various measures.

Pointing out that 'Arogya Hastha' initiative of the Congress is aimed at checking the health of people, Dhruvanarayan declared that the KPCC has appointed him as the State Committee President of the initiative, which will cover all the 224 Assembly segments in the State.

Stating that about 25,000 party workers will function as Corona Warriors, he said that 320 doctors of the KPCC Medical Cell will train the volunteers. All the volunteers are covered under an Insurance scheme, he added.

Continuing, he said that the volunteers will visit every village and conduct health check-up of the people. Any person found to be ill during the health check-up will be given suitable guidance on the future course.

Also, Arogya Hastha Kits containing Thermometer, Oximeter, Sanitiser, Mask, Face Shield and other medical needs have been despatched to every Gram Panchayath, at a total cost of Rs. 6 crore, he pointed out.

Varuna MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, KPCC Medical Cell office-bearers Dr. Madhusudhan, Dr. Vanitha and others were present.

Dhruvanarayan later inaugurated a similar training programme concerning Chamundeshwari Assembly segment at Ashwini Kalyana Mantapa in Srirampura, during which party leaders K. Marigowda, Gurupadaswamy, Jesudas, Koorgalli Mahadev and others were present.

KR, NR and Chamaraja Assembly segments

Former MP R. Dhruvanarayan also launched the 'Arogya Hastha' training for party volunteers from KR, NR and Chamaraja Assembly segments yesterday.

He said that the party workers must come to the rescue of COVID-19 infected people at a time when the State Government has failed to take care of the people during the pandemic. Lashing out at the State and Central Governments for failing to stop the spread of the dreaded pandemic, which is causing havoc across the globe, Dhruvanarayan said that the 'Arogya Hastha' initiative launched by the Congress is aimed at helping the people who are distressed by the virus.

Former MLAs Vasu and M.K. Somashekar too spoke. City Congress President R. Murthy, leaders M. Shivanna, Pushpalatha, G. Somashekar, Sridhar, Dairy Venkatesh, Kyathanahalli Prakash, Bhaskar and others were present.

Social Security Pension Schemes

Pilot project by MCC yields results

Mysuru, Aug. 30 (PM&SSV)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has successfully completed a pilot project of correcting mistakes in original documents by personally visiting houses of beneficiaries of social security pension schemes and inspecting documents.

This was informed by Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas at a function organised to symbolically distribute the sanctioned letters to citizens here on Wednesday.

He said, "Pension to over 10,000 beneficiaries had stopped in the Corporation limits due to anomalies in documents. To address this, officers from Taluk Office and MCC personally paid visit to the houses of beneficiaries and checked the documents. This has helped in resumption of pension. In the entire State, pension to 4.5 lakh people under various Social Security Schemes has stopped. The work done by the Mysuru officials may be followed elsewhere. The same has been brought to the notice of the CM, Revenue Minister and Chief Secretary."

Ramdas also gave away caste and income certificate to the upper caste beneficiaries including Brahmin community, as announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently. He said, this shows Modi's commitment for every citizen including those who do not come under reservation.

> Pension of over 15,000 persons had stopped due to some reasons. Upon checking of documents by visiting every house of beneficiary, pension resumed for 11,600 persons. Others are not available due to change of address. There will be no problem for pensioners with valid documents.
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> **—Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas**

Incentives: Calling meritorious students

Mysuru, Aug. 30- The Department of Social Welfare has invited applications from meritorious Scheduled Caste (SC) students to distribute incentives for those who have secured first class and above marks in the following exams in their first attempt (2019-20):

An incentive of Rs.20,000 will be given for those who have secured first class and above marks in second PUC or 3-year Polytechnic Diploma, Rs.25,000 for Graduate students, Rs.30,000 for Post-Graduate students (MA, M.Sc, M.Com, MBA, MCA and MFA) and Rs.35,000 for Agriculture, Engineering, Veterinary Sciences and Medical students.

Interested candidates may apply online through the Department website *(www.sw.kar.nic.in)* **before Nov. 30.** The application form must later be downloaded and along with all necessary documents should be submitted, within four days of applying online, to the Office of Joint Director of Social Welfare Department, Babu Jagjivan Ram Bhavan, Mysuru or Social Welfare Department Office in their respective taluks, according to a press release.

Cash prize for ST students

Mysuru, Aug. 30- The Social Welfare Department has invited online applications from meritorious Scheduled Tribe (ST) community students from Mysuru district who have passed out in first class in the first attempt in various Post-Matric courses at colleges, for availing cash prize.

Eligible students may apply online by logging on to website (www.tw.kar.nic.in) before Sept. 30.

For details, contact the Integrated Tribal Development Project Co-ordinator on Ph: 0821-2427140 or respective taluk-level Social Welfare Department Assistant Directors on Ph: 08223-273128 (Periyapatna) and 08223-264049 (K.R. Nagar) or the office of the taluk ST Welfare Officer on Ph: 0821-2543076 (Mysuru), 08228-255681 (H.D. Kote), 08222-252812 (Hunsur), 08227-260230 (T. Narasipur) and 08221-297293 (Nanjangud).

'Vidyagama' effect: Admissions rise in Government schools

Mysuru, Aug. 30- Even as private schools are busy making fresh admissions despite the uncertainty over the reopening of schools amid COVID-19 pandemic, Government Schools have much to cheer about as they have been recording a good number of admissions this year.

Many Government Schools in the district were on the blink of closure due to poor admissions over the years. But things seems to have turned around the fortune of most of the schools, as they are witnessing a significant rise in the number of admissions, thanks to the Government's 'Vidyagama' initiative.

One such example is the Government Higher Primary School at Sonahalli in H.D. Kote taluk, where 150 children have already got admitted for the coming academic year. The situation was entirely the opposite last year when only 17 children studied in classes from First to Seventh, according to DDPI Dr. Panduranga.

Pointing out that Madilu Seva Samsthe, an NGO, is running LKG and UKG Classes in the school and is paying salaries to teachers, he said that the Department has given only the space for it and children who attended the classes here have got admitted to the school for higher classes.

"The dedication and commitment shown by the teachers of the school in effectively implementing the Government's ambitious 'Vidyagama' scheme aimed at taking education to the doorsteps of children, especially in rural areas, has proved wonders with children from private schools now turning towards the Government school," Dr. Panduranga said and added that the admissions has already exceeded the classroom capacity.

Citing similar examples, Dr. Panduranga said that the Government School at Beechanahalli in H.D. Kote taluk has clocked a sharp jump in the number of admissions this year.

Pointing out that the school had 40 children in the previous year, he said that now the admission has soared to 65 and admissions are still going on.

He further said that children deprived of online classes and children whose parents cannot afford to pay huge fees at private schools due to COVID-19 too are looking at Government Schools.

In yet another insistence of revival of fortunes for Government Schools, a School in Nanjangud taluk, which was closed for three years due to zero admission, has now reopened with the admission of 14 children in less than a week after the Education Department launched an admission drive, Dr. Panduranga said and added that the Department will take all necessary measures for reopening of the School at Chandrawadi.

DPR to repair Dodda Gadiyara to be ready in 3-4 months

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Explaining the measures taken by the MCC after cracks were observed on the heritage structure, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde said that soon after the reports of structural damage, he, along with a team comprising members of District Heritage Committee, MCC engineers and the historians, personally inspected the structure.

"A detailed inspection and analysis revealed that there are problems in its foundation, dome, bell and pillar. Since it has been built by using clay and mortar, we took the sample to study the sturdiness of the whole structure. The Corporation was not averse to taking the help from Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) because of its expertise in handling such heritage structures. The chiming of the clock has been disabled purposely as the sound of bell is likely to cause further damage to the structure due to vibration," he explained.

"There is no dearth of funds. The MCC is ready to spend any amount on the repairs of Dodda Gadiyara since it is one of the important landmarks of the city and the citizens are emotionally attached to it. Our aim is to strengthen the existing structure in order to make it stable so that it can remain as a vintage beauty for many more decades to come," Hegde said.

It may be recalled here that in June this year, following the reports of cracks and growing concern among heritage lovers on the fate of the iconic structure, an exclusive Conservation of Heritage Clock Tower Committee was formed under the Chairmanship of Mysuru DC.

MCC Commissioner is the Member-Secretary of the Committee that has heritage experts and structural engineers including Member, Expert Committee for Development and Protection of Mysore Heritage Region and Convenor, INTACH Prof. N.S. Rangaraju, N.R. Ashok, Maj. Gen. (Retd.) S.G. Vombatkere and Raghunath.

Residents' Welfare Association donates Rs. 2.2 lakh to Mysuru Zoo

Mysuru, Aug. 30- District Minister S.T. Somashekar handed over a cheque for Rs. 2.2 lakh as donation to Mysuru Zoo recently.

The donation was made by Sharada Jnanakshi Residents' Welfare Association, Yesvantpur, Bengaluru. The Minister and Association President Doddarasinakere Prof. Mayappa jointly handed over the cheque to the Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni. With this, the Minister has so far mobilised a donation of Rs. 3.50 crore for the Mysuru Zoo.

DC Abhiram G. Sankar (now transferred as ATI Joint Director), MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde and City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa were present.

Rly. Workshop manufactures motor coach wheels

Mysuru, Aug. 30- Railway Workshop of Mysuru has manufactured the motor coach wheel set required for Electric Multiple Units of BEML. According to an official press release here, the BEML had requested the Workshop to supply 900 wheels for 225 trailer coach cars and 300 wheel set for 75 motor coach cars.

Accordingly, first consignment of six wheel sets were manufactured and is ready for dispatch. So far, the Workshop has manufactured 188 trailer coach wheels and 52 motor coach wheels. They will be used for 8 coach MEM being manufactured by BEML, Delhi.

Horologist's plea to save city's jewel Silver Jubilee Clock Tower

Chandrasekhara Iyer

Two months ago, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) began the process to conserve and repair Dodda Gadiyara (Silver Jubilee Clock Tower) opposite Rangacharlu Memorial Town Hall. Following reports of cracks surfacing at the top portion of the Tower near the bell area, members of the District Heritage Committee and some officials of MCC collected samples of the construction materials, masonry samples, lime mortar and fallen iron pieces. Way back in 2005, a four-member Committee was formed to restore the heritage structure and the Committee had recommended many conservation measures. But the Committee's suggestion was ignored and never implemented by the MCC. In this article, one of the Committee members M.S. Chandrasekhara Iyer, himself a Horologist, makes a fervent plea to save the structure for posterity. —Ed

This attractive Silver Jubilee Clock Tower was installed just opposite Town Hall and close to the imposing Mysore Palace on *Prabhavanama Samvatsara Shravana Masa Shukla Paksha Somavara* (Monday) dated August 8, 1927, during the regime of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar. Originally its height was only 72 ft. and after 1927 another 20 ft. was raised.

This was constructed by using brick and mortar. It is called Silver Jubilee Clock Tower because it is the Obelisk of the Silver Jubilee Year celebration of Nalwadi.

It has four large dials facing North, South, East and West. Previously the dials had Roman figures. Now Roman figures were changed and Kannada figures were written during Kannada Jagruthi Varsha.

On the upper side of the Tower there is a big bell. When the hammer comes and strikes the bell, melodious sound is produced. The bell is made out of brass and was imported from France. The bell is four feet in height and fifty inches in width. The main Clock machine too was imported from France. Inside the machine the manufacturer's name is written in French.

When the bell struck, it attracted many tourists passing nearby and earlier, the bell's striking sound could easily be heard at a distance of 2 kilometres. Now the Tower is 93 years old. At that time the cost of the construction of this historical Clock Tower was Rs. 9,000 and was built within a span of six months.

In the middle of the Tower, there is a Relief Figure of 'Gandaberunda' the logo that is the insignia of the erstwhile Mysore Kings. On the four sides of the Tower, the Clock's establishment date, month and year have been inscribed in Kannada, Sanskrit, English and Persian languages on marble stones in golden letters.

This Clock Tower is the biggest in the State and sadly, it has stopped chiming. On May 15, 2005, members of Mysore Agenda Task Force surveyed the Tower and studied the features of the Clock. After an in-depth study, we suggested the following to the MCC. Sadly, none of the recommendations were implemented and many officers and elected representatives who took over the reins of the Corporation ignored our suggestions.

We had suggested many measures and some of them have been listed below:

- Immediate repairs must be done so that the Clock can function for another 30 years.
- Cracks have developed in the walls of capper structure and masonry work has to be done as early as possible.
- The wooden plank holding the bell needs to be repaired and made fire-proof.
- The bell should be well polished.
- The electric wiring inside the Clock Tower has to be protected to avoid short circuits.
- The original structure of the Clock Tower should not be altered during repairs, since it is heritage structure. The Clock Tower should be free from any alterations.

Workshop for Kannada, Urdu teachers

Mysuru, Aug. 30- The National Testing Service - India of the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), will be conducting a five-day workshop for Kannada and Urdu teachers, researchers and other teaching faculty at CIIL premises on Hunsur Road, Mysuru.

The workshop for Kannada teachers will take place from Oct. 5 to 9 and that for Urdu teachers from Oct. 12 to 16.

For details, visit the CIIL website: *www.ciil-ntsindia.net*

Also, e-mails can be sent to *conf.ws.nts@gmail.com* for any enquiries.

WORD OF THE DAY

Ne plus ultra

Pronunciation: nay-plus-UL-truh.
Meaning: The highest point capable of being attained : acme; the most profound degree of a quality or state.
Origin: It is the height, the zenith, the ultimate, the crown, the pinnacle. It is the peak, the summit, the crest, the high-water mark. All these expressions, of course, mean "the highest point attainable." But ne plus ultra may top them all when it comes to expressing in a sophisticated way that something is the pink of perfection. It is said that the term's predecessor, non plus ultra, was inscribed on the Pillars of Hercules at the Strait of Gibraltar, which marked the western end of the classical world. The phrase served as a warning: "(Let there) not (be) more (sailing) beyond." The New Latin version ne plus ultra, meaning "(go) no more beyond," found its way into English in the early 1600s.
Example: "To drummers in the '70s and '80s, [Neil] Peart was an Eddie Van Halen figure, someone whose pyrotechnic chops seemed to be the ne plus ultra." — Christopher R. Weingarten

THE ODD WORD

Nacre

Mother-of-pearl.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Neck and neck

Meaning: If a competition is "neck and neck" it means that it is very even; it's a close game. This is also a term used in horse racing. It refers to two or more horses that are running side by side with each other.
Origin: The origin of this phrase appear to be from horse racing, where two or more horses that are evenly matched might run closely together towards the finish line, side by side. When this happens, the horses are said to be 'neck and neck.'
This saying goes back to at least the early to mid-19th century. At that time, it was a term commonly used in horse races. For example, the earliest I could find of this phrase in writing comes from the Tasmanian and Port Dalrymple Advertiser newspaper, printed in 1825, and it is indeed being used in connection with a horse race:
"The owners rode their respective horses, and the race was said to be the finest ever witnessed on this turf, both horses keeping neck and neck round the course."
Today, this expression might be used in comparisons, or in reference to other types of competitions that are close, such as a basketball game.

QUOTE BOX

A generation of the unteachable is hanging upon us like a necklace of corpses. **— George Orwell**

RIDDLE THIS

I am always in front and never behind. What am I?

Answer : The future.

SUDOKU

7	5							
3			7	2			1	
				4	6			
6	7	9						
8		4				7		6
						4	3	8
			6	7				
	9			3	2			4
							5	7

Answer to previous puzzle

9	1	3	5	4	6	2	7	8
6	5	4	8	2	7	9	3	1
8	7	2	9	1	3	5	6	4
2	3	1	4	8	5	6	9	7
4	9	7	3	6	2	8	1	5
5	6	8	7	9	1	4	2	3
7	4	5	6	3	9	1	8	2
3	2	6	1	5	8	7	4	9
1	8	9	2	7	4	3	5	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Furry dog Lhasa ____
5 God of war
9 Shylock, for one?
12 Mr Jaitley of the BJP
13 Scandinavian
14 Period of years
15 Give ___ to : cause or induce or suggest?
16 Got temporary use of
18 Closes or slams
20 "Is Lee" turning into a girl?
21 Plays like children
22 Notice, espy or observe
23 A type or breed of cuckoo
24 Ancient church desk
27 Ex-Aussie cricket captain Chappell
31 Place in a particular position or posture
32 Unlawful assemblies
34 "Cycle" or "centre" prefix
35 Baby carriage
37 Midday
38 Library, abbr.
39 Noah's ship
41 Rather fat
43 NE Italian city
46 Overhead or up
47 Capital of UAE? (3,5)
50 Made ____ of : ridiculed?
52 TV channel
53 Athlete P.T. __
54 Let __ __ : tell? (2,2)
55 Slang word for pistol
56 Star Wars' Princes ___
57 Active volcano

FRIDAY'S ANSWER

L	A	R	D		R	I	E	L		S	T	D
A	M	A	R		E	N	L	I	S	T	E	D
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C	H	I	C	A	G	O		B	E	L	T	
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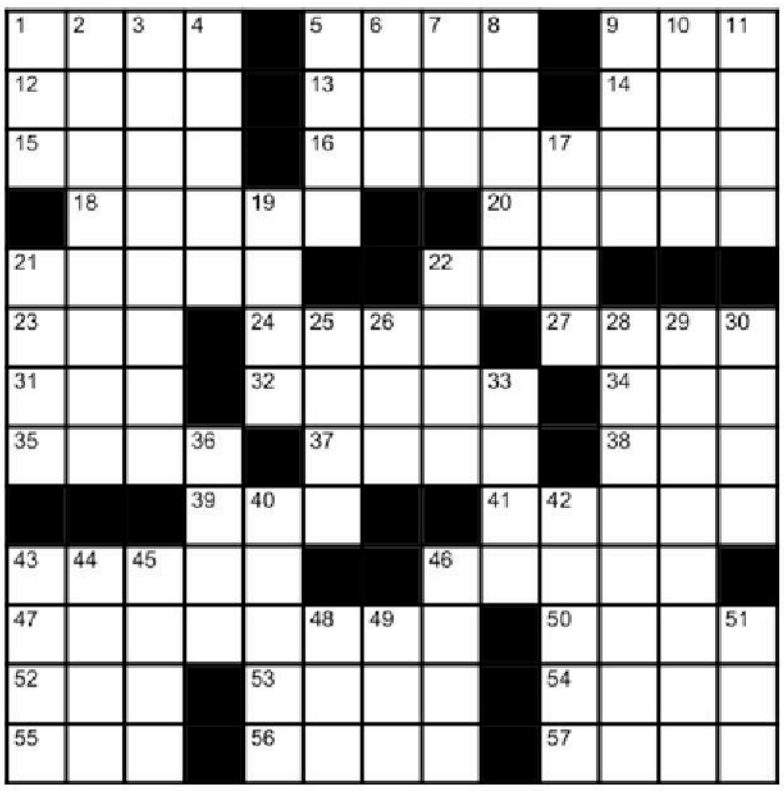
S	U	I	T	A	B	L	E		R	A	R	A
O	R	N	A	M	E	N	T		O	K	A	Y
T	E	G		E	T	A	S		N	E	S	S

DOWN

1 ___ Paar: 1954 Guru Dutt movie
2 Captive
3 Beauty queen and actress ___ Sen
4 __ __ on : in a superior position to (3,2)
5 Priestly vestments?
6 Indian prime minister 1991-6
7 Engine Pressure Ratio
8 Merry frolic
9 Persons of Hebrew descent
10 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba? (3,1)
11 Walk in water
17 Couturier Cassini
19 Russian ruler
21 A rough-edged tool
22 ___ ___ speak : familiarly meaning that...? (2,2)
25 Kind of fur
26 Jeer or deride
28 Germane or pertinent
29 A badge, or characteristic device
30 A sneering remark
33 Bluenose or sycophant
36 Girl's name- "amud" anagram?
40 R of R.D. Burman
42 Wheeled undercarriage pivoted below locomotive etc.
43 A sudden feeling of pain
44 Palindromic pop quartet
45 Tube
46 Amer Inst. of Aero. & Astro.
48 Airline-Selected Equip.
49 Phir __ Dil Hai Hindustani?
51 Girl's name



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ERU AJXG TUWX HTZNAJ ZN BUWT, WJO ERU AJXG

TUWX BTUUOAP ZN BTUUOAP BTAP BUWT.

TODAY'S CLUE: E EQUALS T

Friday's Cryptoquip: Life only demands from you the strength you possess. Only one feat is possible - not to have run away.

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Plea to clear garbage at Shaktinagar

Garbage and household waste dumped at a vacant site, opposite the playground near Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Park at Block-24 in Shaktinagar is not cleared since many days resulting in foul smell emanating from it. Residents have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the garbage cleared at the earliest.

Stray dog menace needs to be controlled at Rajivnagar

The menace of stray dogs is increasing day-by-day near Suryanarayana Temple at Rajivnagar 2nd Stage, 2nd Cross, causing a lot of problems to the public. Residents have alleged that there is a pack of almost 15 dogs which is causing problems and added that four children have been injured in dog attack recently. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to control the menace of dogs at the earliest.

Bus stand turned into public urinals near Fountain Circle

The KSRTC bus shelter near Fountain Circle at N.R. Mohalla has been turned into a place for the public to answer nature's call which is causing a lot of inconvenience to bus commuters, especially ladies. This has resulted in the bus shelter stinking and commuters unable to wait for buses even at a distance. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the bus shelter cleaned and prevent people from spoiling the bus shelter and also the environment.

Felicitation marks Natl. Sports Day

Mysuru, Aug. 30 (SSV)- Co-operation and District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar offered floral tributes to Major Dhyan Chand, a Hockey wizard on the occasion of his birth anniversary, which is celebrated as National Sports Day (Aug.29). At a function held at Chamundi Vihar Indoor Stadium, he offered flowers to the portrait of Major Dhyan Chand.

On this occasion, he felicitated R. Nagaraju (Tennis), K.V. Krishnamurthy (Table Tennis), G. Benakaprasad (Athletics), M.D. Muthappa (Hockey), Dr. Varsha S. Puranik (Skating), C. Dinesh (Sports Reporter), Dr. Pulakeshi Y. Shettappanavar, Deputy Director, Department of Physical Education, University of Mysore (UoM), in recognition of their contribution to sports.

MP Pratap Simha, MLA L. Nagendra and Asst. Director of Department of Sports and Youth Affairs K. Suresh were present.

SWR Mysuru Division observes 'Fit India Plogging Drive'

Mysuru, Aug. 30- Continuing with the spirit of 'Fit India Freedom Run' a campaign being observed by South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division from Aug. 19 to Oct.2, 2020, a 'Fit India Plogging Drive' was conducted on Saturday (Aug.29) along tracks in all three directions from Mysuru Railway Station covering a distance of 5 kms.

With an aim to make the Railway vicinity and tracks litter-free of plastic and trash the team cleaned up Stations, tracks, yards and side drains and collected 2 quintals of garbage along the tracks.

Additional Divisional Railway Managers, Senior Officers from the Division and about 150 Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel and staff participated in the drive launched from Mysuru Railway Station to Ashokapuram Railway Station also covering Mysuru New Goods Terminal.

Plogging Run is a unique way of picking up garbage while jogging and was added to the Fit India Movement as a unique way of combining cleanliness and fitness, doing something for your fitness as well as for cleanliness of your surroundings. Plogging Run combines the Fit India Movement and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, according to a press release from Priya Shetty, Divisional Commercial Manager and PRO.

NCC Cadets take out Cycle Rally

'Fit India Youth Club' was launched on Aug. 15 by Kiren Rijiju, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, as part of 'Fit India Freedom Run.' 14 Karnataka Bn NCC of Mysuru Group conducted a Cycle Rally on Aug.29 in Mysuru. The rally comprised NCC Cadets from various Colleges of Mysuru with an aim to undertake activities for their own health and well-being and also inculcate awareness among fellow Indians. This Fit India Movement is a development towards taking the nation on a path of fitness and wellness both mentally and physically. Present on the occasion were Commanding Officer Col. Manish Prasad, Administrative Officer Lt. Col. Roshan Appanna, Sub Maj. Govindappa Bariker and ANOs, Dr. H.N. Shashidhar, MMHS and Lt. Dr. Vinay Kumar of JSS College, Ooty Road.

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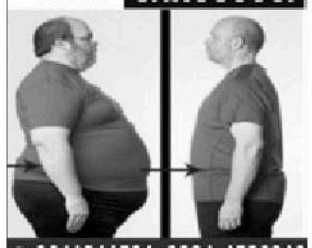

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